



May 3, 2013

The City of Franklin's **Solid Waste Department** will open their **BOPAE collection site on Saturday, May 4th as part of the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. BOPAE, located at 417 Century Court, will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.** Residents will be able to drop-off batteries, oil, paint, anti-freeze, and electronics ("BOPAE") at the site during this time. Household Hazardous waste items will be accepted on May 4th at the Williamson County Administrative Complex located at 1320 West Main Street. Read more here <http://www.franklintn.gov/index.aspx?recordid=1966&page=25>



The City of Franklin **Streets Department** recently retrofitted 102 existing street lights in Downtown Franklin to light emitting diodes (LEDs), just in time for Main Street Festival. All of the decorative street lights on Main Street from 1st Ave to Five Points were converted from 175 watt metal halides to 45 watt LEDs. The City maintains all of the decorative lights in Downtown and has been testing LEDs for the last two years. "Right now, we are up on bucket trucks pretty often replacing and servicing these street lights so the LEDs will help us cut back on maintenance and also lower our electric bills" said **William Fox Traffic Signalization and Maintenance Electrician for the City**. Read more here <http://www.franklintn.gov/index.aspx?recordid=1962&page=25>

Franklin Police Officers and civilian employees were honored at The 3rd Annual Knights in Blue Gala, a formal dinner and awards banquet organized and hosted by the Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association. The following Franklin Police employees were recognized at last night's event, held at The Factory:

- **Chief's Award**, given to the officer who most exemplifies, in their every-day work, the three words worn on the sleeves of every Franklin Police Officer: Professional, Progressive, Responsive : **Sergeant Eric Anderson**
- **Jackie Moore Award**, given to the officer whose every-day work product is reflective of the service and values displayed throughout retired Franklin Police Chief Jackie Moore's career: **Zach Wolfe**
- **Officer of the Year: Officer Craig Wright**
- **Detective of the Year: Detective Becky Johnson**
- **Dispatcher of the Year: Mrs. Mary Casteel**
- **Innovation Award**, given to the officer whose technological contributions have helped to keep the Franklin PD cutting edge in their use of computer technology in an electronic era: **Officers Chris Grant and Matt Smalley**
- **Impact Award**, given to the officer whose 'outside of the box' vision has made notable differences in the reduction of crime and increased quality of life for Franklin citizens: **Officer Ryan Schuman**

- **Sober Streets Award**, given to the officer who had the most notable contribution in the Department's efforts to detect, arrest, and prosecute impaired drivers: **Officer Cory Kroeger**
- **Sharpshooter Award**, given to the officer who has the highest cumulative shooting score average for combined yearly qualification scores in the Department: **Deputy Chief Carl Smith**

**Franklin Police Chief David Rahinsky** gave special recognition to **Mrs. Charity Compton**, the event organizer, and to the FPD Records Section for their continued dedication and success under the leadership of **Angela Hardemon**. Read more here

<http://www.franklintn.gov/index.aspx?recordid=1952&page=25>

**The Parks Department received a nice letter from a citizen. Great Paige and our Parks crew .**

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*Paige,*

*I hope you are doing well...I am like gum on a shoe that you just can't get rid of! I had to drop you a note and tell you what a great job your guys did on Field 3 with that Power F for the Franklin Lacrosse Club last week!! It was Senior Night and we were sending off a great group of seniors, many who will be playing at the next level in college and having that field look so good for their last hurrah was so special. I am filming the games for our coaches and you should have heard the parents going on and on...Really cool. I am on the FHS Lax Board now as I have both of my sons playing on the team for the next 3 years. I know you are familiar with lacrosse as I remember you telling me about how well it was run in Memphis. I believe we are on the verge of something big here in Williamson County of taking off. It is such a great sport and with all the emphasis on safety and making it much more fan accessible through rule changes and the national efforts of US Lacrosse, I think it is a great addition to our sports landscape in this community.*

*I just wanted to give a shout out to all the extra effort (and paint) that went into making that a really special night for a bunch of families...Please let your crew know how much it was appreciated!*

*Have a great day!*

*Mark Kase*

**National Public Works Week is May 19 – 25.** To celebrate, we will hold an **Equipment Road-e-o** for our public works employees on **May 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Jim Warren Park**. The day will consist of various competitions as well as lunch. All public works employees are encouraged to participate in the Road-e-o or come just to cheer on their co-workers (at their department head's discretion). More information on the competitions should be available in your department. All employees are invited to watch the Road-e-o or just stop by for lunch. **Lunch for non-public works employees is \$5 for a hamburger/hotdogs, chips, drink, and dessert. Lunch tickets may be purchased from Kim Hammon (Fleet Maintenance).** Please purchase your ticket prior to May 10<sup>th</sup> so we can have an idea of how many to expect. **That evening, we'll host our annual Touch-a-Truck event at Pinkerton Park (4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.).** ***Because of Public Works we are able to have clean water, safe streets and neighborhoods that are free of trash and litter that results in a healthy environment, efficient***

***traffic, and beautiful parks – all things that add to the quality of life that makes Franklin such a special place.***

**Another nice note about “The Compost King”, Todd King, and his outstanding presentation at a recent Solid Waste Conference. Great job, Todd. . .**

*I wanted to take a few minutes and let you know I had the opportunity to attend Todd King’s presentation at the recent Solid Waste Conference in Gatlinburg. I went to several presentations and his was most informative and very well done. He held the audience’s full attention and taught us about his successful composting process.*

*I am developing a new mulch site with intentions to convert it to a compost facility so in the future I want to visit your site to learn even more.*

*Thanks for allowing him to present and please know he did a Great Job.*

**Bill Kilp**

Director Public Services

**Building a Better Franklin Together meeting – May 14.** Our Building and Neighborhood Services (BNS), Fire, and Street Department Inspectors, Plans Examiners, and Permit Techs are facilitating a contractor meeting on Tuesday morning (7 a.m.), May 14 for the various skilled trades, foreman, and project managers performing work in Franklin. The “Building a Better Franklin Together” meeting is targeted to on-site construction personnel for the purpose of soliciting their input on the City’s permitting, inspection scheduling, on-site inspection, problem-solving, and related on-site development services. Our Communications team worked with this group to produce a flyer to help publicize the meeting. Here is a link to the flyer: <http://www.franklintn.gov/index.aspx?page=968>

**Last week’s winner of the Mayor’s parking spot was MIT’s Tracey Poteete and she is paying forward the honor to the Wayne Goode of the IT Department . Tracy said, “I nominate Wayne Goode of the IT Department. Wayne is responsible for all financial applications which include Data Quest and Great Plains. He ensures these applications are installed on specific workstations and sets up users; he also installs software updates to all affected workstations when needed which is usually done on a weekend. When payroll reports quit working and Utility Billing’s web files are not posting, Wayne is the go to guy. He does his job well and is very detail oriented. The last year or so for Wayne has been a tough one but he has got through it with amazing courage and strength. He never complains and always looks for the good in any situation. ” Wayne can begin parking in the Mayor’s spot on Monday, May 6. Now it’s Wayne’s turn to pay it forward again and nominate a co-worker for their excellence at [agoodjob@franklintn.gov](mailto:agoodjob@franklintn.gov)**

Thanks for all you do! Enjoy your weekend.